American standpoint, but it has certain obvious advantages over the more nefar-ious art of assassination.

Boston Advertiser: Recent decisions of the United States Supreme court have tended to curtail quite largely the power which the Interstate Commerce Commis-sion has attempted to arrogate to itself during recent years. These decisions are making it clear that the functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission is chiefly executive, and does not command that judicial quality which the commission itself has attributed to its office. The Supreme court appears to regard the Federal courts as entirely competent to deal with questions of the violation of the interstate commerce act, and it is resisting steadily the evident attempts of the interstate Commerce Commission to perform the functions of such court.

Chicago Chronicle: Down in Ken-tucky, where all sorts of odd things hap-pen, a Methodist preacher who held some theological views at variance with those of his congregation, was aroused at midnight and escorted out of town by three of his flock armed with shotguns. This method of adjusting doctrinal differences is somewhat drastic, but it has ferences is somewhat drastic, but it has its advantages. It saves the scandal and annoyance of church trials, for one thing, and it conduces to liberality upon the part of the pastor. For he would be an inflexible dogmatist indeed who would attempt to enforce his views upon a congregation given to the shotgun as a controversial weapon. The Kentucky Methodists may prove to be the pioneers in a new scheme of church unity.

Detroit Journal: Few of the small holders of gold mine stock ever realize anything except the loss of their money. The mines that are any good are bought up by rich men, who can afford to put money into developing schemes and many of these fail to strike a fairly good thing. An occasional poor man gets on the inside and we hear all about his splendid realization of a fortune. But we never hear anything about the illlucks of the thousands who put their hard money into mines. The recent revival of the gold-finding industry ought not to be checked up against the return of prosperity. Back of it is a wellunderstood purpose to swindle, and those who buy stock in ninety-nine out of a hundred of them will simply burn their money. Keep out of the "gold mine cinch," even though your best friends advise you to buy,

Springfield Republican: Somebody writes to the New York Evening Post from New Hampshire that he had driven clear across the State without seeing a beer sign or barrel or other notice liquor being for sale, and he concludes that prohibition is a hard and fast fact in that region. But a New Hampshire citizen responds that under the State law the exposure of a sign or other advertisement of liquor for sale consti-tutes prima facle evidence of the commission of the offense of liquor selling, and he pertinently asks whether it was to be expected that liquor sellers would thus provide openly the means of their own conviction. It is stated that liquor is sold in more than fifty places in Concord, and yet to all appearances the city is as dry as dust. The case is interesting as showing how anybody who keeps his eyes shut tight may be able to see that prohibition prohibits.

New York Tribune: Sumatra comes into the field as a producer of petrointo the neid as a producer of petro-leum, its product crowding into the mar-kets of the East in competition with that of the American and Russian wells. Other islands of the Indian archipelago also show signs of like deposits, prom-ising to afford the basis of an Oriental Standard Oil Company to battle with the Occidental one and its Russian rival. the Occidental one and its Russian rival. But the world is wide and there is room enough for all of them. As there are limitless deposits of this precious substance in Siberia and China, and as it is found in varying abundance all over the world, there is little reason to apprehend that the supply will give out for a long time to come. The Sumatra fields open a new industry in that region of the globe of widest events asserted. the globe of widest promise, surpassing the traffic in Ivory, apes, and peacocks, for which it was celebrated some thousands of years ago, or any of its more modern lines of production.

Mathew Marshall, in New York Sun: What all clear-sighted observers suspected and feared has become a certainty. The victory of the gold standard in 1896 has shown itself to be indecisive not only in form but also in the number of votes by which it was achieved. Not till the last moment, indeed, did the Republican leaders consent in 1896 to admit the mention of gold in the party platform, and they explicitly avowed their willingness to accept silver as a

monetary standard jointly with gold, provided the other commercial nations of the world would do the same. Fortu-nately the Democrats came out squarely nately the Democrats came out squarely for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, "without the ald or consent of any other nation," and thus forced the voters to choose between the immediate adoption of the silver standard and a future adoption of it under hypothetical conditions. How many votes were gained for the Republican candidate in 1896 by the express promise of the party to maintain the gold standard only until and international bimetallic only until and international bimetallic agreement could be obtained, and by the obligation it apparently assumed to accept silver as soon as the effort to reach an agreement definitely failed, it is iman agreement definitely failed, it is impossible to say, but their number must have been considerable. Now that the event in view has happened, and Europe, under the lead of Great Britain, has refused to make the agreement to the promotion of which the St. Louis convention pledged itself, the Republicans must come out unequivocally, either for silver or for gold, and if, as is most probable, they come out for gold, the question whether the majority of voters will sustain them in doing so is one which will be answered, if not by the elections of 1898, then by those of 1900.

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